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The author states (p. 231) that "Studies at the Oklo Natural Reactor site show a remarkable ability of the Oklo rocks to retain fission products, actinides, and actinide-lanthanide products." The problem with that statement in terms of the CRWM Program is that it makes the reader wonder how the geochemical environment at Oklo (Africa) compares to the geochemical environment in any of the U.S. potential sites (DOE, 1984). What was the geochemical environment at the uranium mine at Oklo? Has it been adequately characterized? Has that environment been altered by other superimposed geologic events? In addition to Oklo, the author discusses contact metamorphic zones (Eldorado Canyon and Alamosa River, Colorado). Utilization of contact metamorphic zones as natural analogs for geochemical radionuclide behavior raise these issues:

1. Does the thermal gradient at a contact metamorphic zone defined by an igneous-like intrusion adequately mimic the thermal gradient expected in a nuclear waste repository as a function of time?

2. Does the contact metamorphic cooling time adequately reflect the cooling history, which is an expected condition in a nuclear waste repository?

3. Are the geochemical processes at a contact metamorphic zone similar to that expected in the near field of a high-level nuclear waste repository?

Natural analog studies can provide important information for performance assessment of radionuclide geochemistry, but their application will be useful only if their geochemical environment can be transferred to ambient site-specific and near-field geochemical conditions.

In conclusion, this book does not achieve the goals specified in its preface and introduction. Technical conservatism, as well as good scientific and engineering judgment, is essential, given the complexity of geochemical problems involved in the siting and performance assessment of any potential geologic

high-level nuclear waste site. Geochemistry, as a subdiscipline of the earth sciences, has a significant role in the high-level nuclear waste program. That role requires definition of geochemical issues, gathering the necessary data, and then utilizing those data for the long-term performance assessment of the geologic site and the engineered barrier system. Unfortunately, this book does not meet that challenge.

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The sessions occupied 4½ days, beginning with a review of national scientific drilling programs and concluding with a session involving participants from the oil industry who discussed the advantages of drilling scientific holes and the role of industrial scientists in a national scientific drilling program. The symposium organizing committee consisted of Barry Raleigh (chairman), Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory of Columbia University; Robert S. Andrews, National Research Council; John P. Hermance, Brown University; William L. Luth, Sandia National Laboratories; Edward Schreiber, Queens College of

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There are currently efforts in the West Germany, France, Belgium, Japan, the United Kingdom, Canada, Austria, and Sweden involving drilling for scientific purposes. Although for some countries the incentive may ultimately be economic in nature (e.g., coal in Belgium, oil in Austria), most of these programs are designed to extract information on the structure, composition, and physical and chemical properties of the crust. The Soviet Union operates the most ambitious program of scientific drilling, having reached 10 km depth in ancient crystalline basement and 8.5 km into a sedimentary basin. Other deep holes are being planned while the first ones are still being drilled.

Despite the differences in objectives, both planned efforts and active programs in all the countries have in common a sequence of events beginning with selection of scientific priorities. Geophysical and geological surveys designed to elucidate the geologic and thermal structure, leading ultimately to the choice of a drilling site, are followed by some relatively shallow drill holes of 1-2 km. Drilling is the culmination of a sequence of events leading to a geological evaluation of the most promising site based on criteria, which, in addition to the above, include a well-designed drilling plan.

The symposium was organized at a fortunate time. It was clear that scientists worldwide have come to a remarkably congruent decision, quite independently, that penetrating the continent by direct sampling through drilling is the necessary next step to understanding the evolution of the earth.

The conference pointed out some of the most interesting problems for which drilling could provide the answers. Scientists are now developing models of hydrothermal circulation and ore deposition that can be tested with information obtainable only from depth in active rift systems (R. Fournier, USGS); Jim Ehler, (Gastrol Mining), convective circulation driven by heat derived from magmatic intrusions is a vast and fascinating chemical processing system. The development of the economically interesting hydrothermal, hydrothermal, and geothermal resources depend on the form that convection cells take, which in turn depends on such factors as the salinity of the fluids, fracture permeability, and the storage capacity of the rock matrix.

Drilling wells of moderate depth in a few active rift volcanic centers, such as the ones located at Yellowstone, the Imperial Valley, Long Valley, or the Valles Calaveras, would provide extraordinarily useful information concerning the chemistry and the thermal and mass transfer mechanisms in convective hydrothermal systems.

John Ruddle of Sandia and Alan Ryall of the University of Nevada gave an excellent example of the use of data from surface measurements obtained from seismic arrays and from geologic leveling and dilatation in Long Valley, Calif., for modeling the location and motion of magma intrusion into the upper crust. Even a few holes of rather modest depth would serve to fix some of the parameters, such as stress, needed to constrain the models.

Bodies of ore, now parts of fossil hydrothermal systems, may yield some of the data fundamental to modeling such systems, provided that drilling to the roots of the hydrothermal convection cells can be conducted. Studies by Craig Beike and others at the USGS of the Creede epithermal Ag-Pb-Zn, Cu ore district in Colorado have shown that the ores were deposited at the contact of surface waters with an underlying hot convecting brine. However, the source of heat, salinity of the fluid, and the concentration of sulfur and metals have not been investigated, and scientific drilling is required to reach the root zone in order to study these factors.

The deep structure of the continents, particularly in the mobile belts, has been investigated sufficiently in certain areas so that drilling is now needed to test the geological reconstructions. Several targets seem to be most attractive for drilling. The southern Appalachians, described by Robert Hatcher of the University of South Carolina, are the possible locus of at least two cycles of continental rifting and collision, which appear to have expression in seismic sections of very extensive, low-angle thrusting of crystalline rocks over Paleozoic sedimentary and metasedimentary rocks. To penetrate through to the autochthonous rocks requires drilling, perhaps to depths of 10 km. However, a drilling expert at the conference, Frank Schult (ARCO), was not dunted by the depths, given the rather benign environment expected. Other seismic reflection profiles in the western United States indicate low-angle thrusting, perhaps currently active, where drilling might lead to measurements of the properties which make such paradoxical structures possible. A word of caution about the interpretation of strong low-angle reflectors was sounded by George Thompson of Stanford University. A deep hole drilled for oil exploration through such a reflector in southern Arizona found a zone of apparent movement with granite both above and below the presumed overthrust.

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Mark Zoback of the USGS (now at Stanford University) emphasized the paradoxical contrast between geophysical observations which suggest that earthquakes occur at low shear stress while the laboratory estimates from rock mechanical measurements suggest that much higher stresses should be required. Zoback has accumulated measurements of stress at less than 1 km depth which agree with the laboratory data but do not resolve the problem. The nature of the pre-earthquake failure process is poorly understood because of the absence of direct observation from hypocentral depths of the observations of stress, pore fluid pressure, permeability, etc., critical to understanding the phenomenon.

In summary, the scientific objectives for drilling fall into two general categories. The first is that of reconstructing the petrologic and tectonic history of the continental crust. Results already obtained from basement samples obtained by M. E. Bickford and W. R. Van Schmus of the University of Kansas from oil well drilling are beginning to extend our knowledge of the age and distribution of igneous activity of the ancient basement of the midcontinent. Leo Silver (Caltech) finds a corrective Proterozoic age of basement in California. However, better areal distribution than that currently available is needed. The oldest rocks of the continent exposed in Minnesota and Canada are also desirable targets for deep drilling to sample the deepest and oldest regions of the crust.

The second general category is the investigation of active processes, such as faulting, volcanism, rifting, metamorphism, and ore deposition. The array of physicochemical parameters needed to test existing models and the exploration necessary even to construct adequate models of these processes is not measurable from the surface. Inferences as to temperature, elastic properties, density, and electrical conductivity at depth are model dependent, and surface measurements lack the required resolution beyond the uppermost few kilometers of depth. It must be emphasized that the state of stress, the hydraulic diffusivity and storage capacity, the thermal diffusivity, pore fluid chemistry and pressure, the bulk, chemistry and phase composition of the rocks, their isotopic constitution and age, the state of fracturing, and the details of the elastic properties, density, temperature, and electromagnetic properties can only be measured in situ at depth and require drilling. It is a triumph of the earth sciences that so much has been inferred about the crust from the meager surface information available.

A substantial part of the symposium dealt with the issues of how to measure the relevant parameters down hole, particularly where high temperatures render conventional technology unsuitable. Logging technology is quite advanced, although the requirements of a scientific drilling program are such that coring is required extensively. In deeper holes in hard rock, however, coring may be difficult and result in low recovery. Research on drilling, coring, and logging tools for hard rock scientific drilling is underway in industrial and government laboratories. High-temperature (>300°C) logging is also a major research and development effort of the DOE.

Where core recovery is incomplete because of technical difficulty or high cost, there is reasonable expectation that logging methods can be used to fill in the gaps in information. Measurement of stress, fracture density, fluid pressure, and permeability have been conducted in boreholes at moderate depths but become much more difficult in high-temperature wells. The Los Alamos group that is interested in recovery of geothermal power is from hot dry rock reported on significant improvements in this technology for higher temperature regimes.

Gary Olinoff and Jeff Daniels of the USGS, Roger Anderson of Lamont-Doherty, and Mark Matthews of Los Alamos made a strong case that most of the relevant physical properties can be measured through in situ measurements as well as or better than from core. New techniques are being developed to permit more complete mineralogical and geochemical information to be determined, although coring or sampling is still essential to allow for such critical measurements as bulk composition, radiometric ages, isotopic constitution, mineralogy, and also detailed geological information.

A considerable amount of scientific drilling has been under way in the United States, Ireland, Belgium, and of course, in the deep seas through the Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling (JOIDES) deep sea drilling program. Although in the United States a few holes of opportunity, drilled for other purposes, have made possible relatively inexpensive ad-hoc experimentation by groups of investigators, such holes cannot be exploited fully because of problems of timing, less than optimum location, or depth and other impediments. Geothermal drilling in Iceland, reported upon by Ingvar Friðriksson, has provided a scientific basis for the use of such drilling for the study of the geothermal system and those drilling the feasibility of extracting thermal energy from hot dry rock at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, drilling has been closely tied to the needs of the scientists. John Rowley of Los Alamos described the remarkably successful efforts to drill and monitor downhole measurements in the deep and hostile environment of the hot Fenton Hill granite.

On Cyprus, where a slab of oceanic crust and upper mantle (ophiolite sequence) is found, drilling has been thrust onto the future. Drilling has been conducted by a multinational group with the goal of providing a complete section through the ophiolite. Paul Robinson of Dalhousie University made the important point that the newly completed recovery made possible a detailed description of the structure, stratigraphy, and petrologic variability that would not have been possible from any amount of field work alone.

Ross Flenk of the University of Washington reviewed the remarkably successful Deep Sea Drilling Program. Recovery and preservation of the core has been one of the principal reasons for the program's success. Paleogeography, for example, is a new scientific offshoot of the drilling program which would have been impossible without nearly complete core recovery.

Sedimentary basins have been extensively drilled for commercial ventures, and consequently, the most subsurface data is available for this major structural feature of the continent. Nonetheless, commercial wells have been drilled with neither the minimum amount of core recovery required for scientific investigations, nor the full array of measurements downhole to constrain theoretical basin models. Downhole gravity, temperature, and thermal conductivity would be most useful in certain basins. At the close of the meeting, an open discussion on the interaction of oil industry scientists and engineers with academic and government scientists in a scientific drilling program led to several important points, including especially (1) the importance of obtaining as much information as possible from industry and other sources before drilling and (2) that the thorough design of a hole, particularly a deep well, is a costly but necessary preliminary to drilling.

The oil industry participants agreed that a well-planned scientific drilling program would have great value. The consensus that a national scientific drilling program is a timely and critical next

step for the earth sciences existed before the symposium. The symposium, in bringing together those who have already gained much experience in drilling, with the scientists who need the data from the crust's third dimension, was the first in what must be a series of dialogues. The existing technology of surface exploration drilling and downhole measurements can be brought to bear on several extremely important scientific problems without much additional engineering research and development. Where temperatures are moderate (<250°C) and the rocks encountered are reasonably stable mechanically, moderate to deep holes can provide fundamentally important observations on the evolution of the crust and the processes that have shaped the continents. There are, however, needs for new technological advances in coring, logging, and drilling in more hostile environments. The monument of the IAGC national laboratories in such technological development needs to be sustained if we are to address the important scientific problems of the nature of active hydrothermal systems, metamorphism and ore deposition, with the evident drilling cooperation of the petroleum industry and academic scientists, the DOE, NSF, and USGS, a national program of continental scientific drilling appears to be moving forward.

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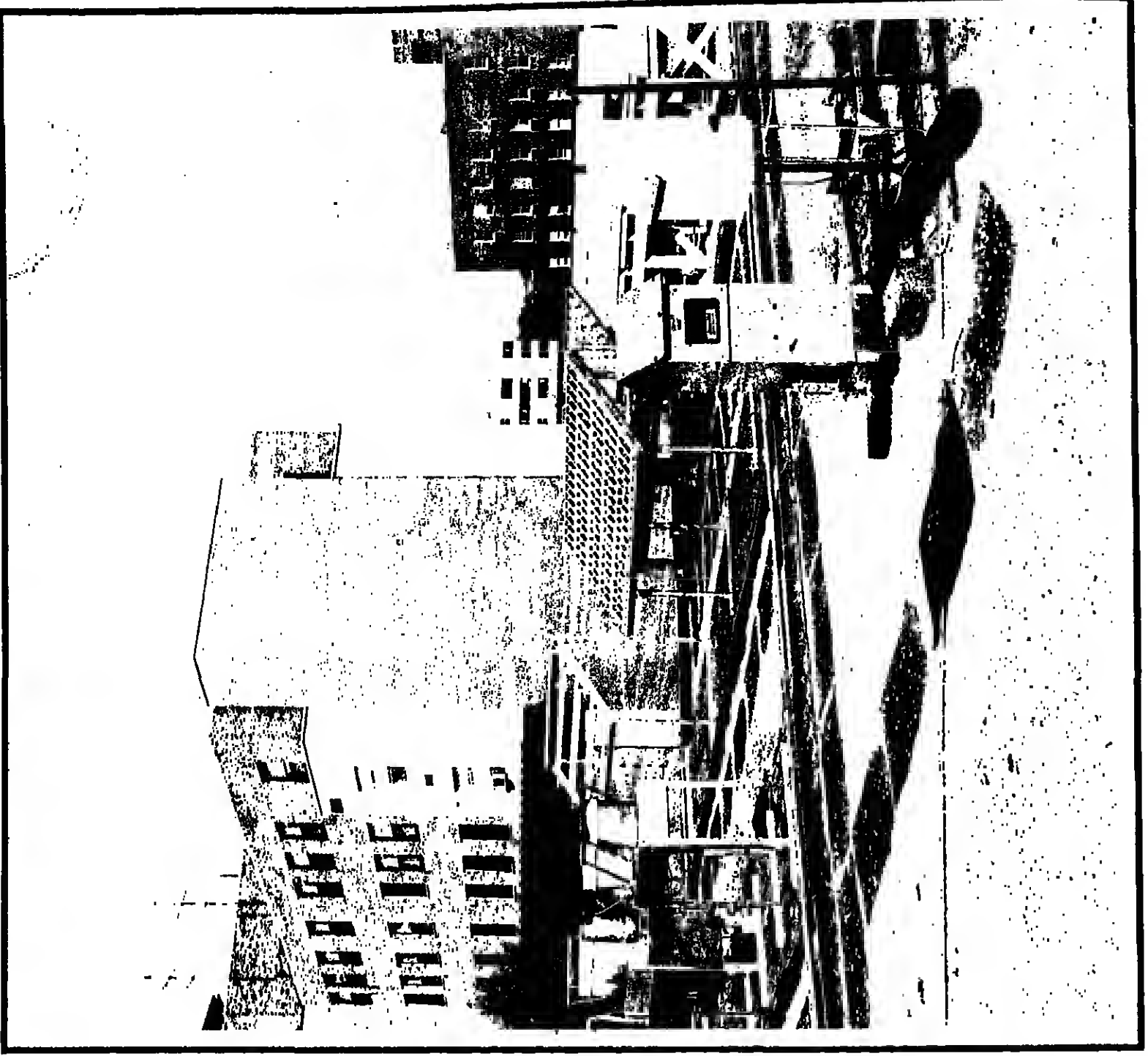
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8110 Convection Currents
AN EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH TO THERMAL CONVECTION IN A TWO-LAYERED MANTLE
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If the 650 km discontinuity marks a compositional boundary, as has been suggested, then the upper and lower mantle may be convecting separately. A series of laboratory experiments on two-layered convection were made in order to determine how thermal convection interacts with a steady density discontinuity. The working fluid consisted of two subaqueous layers of GLYCE 1132 syrup, a glucose solution with a Newtonian viscosity which depends strongly on temperature. The initial density contrast between layers ranged from 0.5% to 0.8. A uniform heat flux was supplied to the base of the lower layer. By varying the heat flux, Rayleigh numbers between 10^4 and 10^5 were obtained. In every case, two-layered convection was observed, but in no case did a steady state result. Instead, a slow mixing between the layers occurred, driven by viscous stresses acting on the density interface. The mixing mechanism was provided by convective eddies which entrained fluid across the discontinuity in the form of thin filaments. Mixing continued until the density contrast across the discontinuity became small enough to permit overturning. The mixing rate was determined by monitoring changes in dye concentration in each layer. It is found that the mixing rate is governed by the bulk Richardson number Ri , a measure of the ratio of between interfacial buoyancy and viscous forces. Mixing rate data from experiments covering the range $0.5 < Ri < 1000$ are consistent with a power law of the form $Ri^{-1/2}$.

where Ri is the density jump across the discontinuity and ρ is the density of the fluid. The scale for convective strain rate. Applying this mixing law to the mantle indicates that mass exchange between the upper and lower mantle could occur by this mechanism at a rate of 10^{10} - 10^{11} kg per million years. Convectively driven entrainment across the 650 km density discontinuity can provide a mechanism for interaction between the upper and lower mantle and may be an important source of mantle heterogeneity.

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8110 Structure of the Lithosphere
STRUCTURAL DISCONTINUITIES BETWEEN DETACHMENTS AND FRACTURE ZONES: THE SAN ANDREAS MOUNTAINS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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Detailed geologic mapping in the Horn Mountains of southern Nevada has revealed significant insights into processes of extensional tectonics developed within older compressional regimes. A newly discovered, NW-trending low-angle normal fault, the Nevada Peak detachment, juxtaposes the highest levels of the frontal foot part of the east-vergent, Mesozoic to Cenozoic belt with older, unmetamorphosed crystalline basement. Petrographic analysis suggests that the detachment initially dipped 20-25° to the west and rotated to its present orientation by the late Tertiary. Complete lateral removal of the hanging wall from the footwall exposed a 5 km thick longitudinal cross-section through the thrust belt to the footwall, while highly attenuated remnants of the hanging wall (thinner than 100 m) were found in the footwall. The detachment is structurally overlain by the present arcuate configuration of the detachment. The detachment in part represents "extension-style" extension of a low-angle, while it is an active, but to largely due to extensional unroofing, associated with extensional unroofing, associated with extensional unroofing, associated with extensional unroofing.

The geometry and kinematics of normal faulting in the Horn Mountains suggest that pre-existing thrust planes are not required for the initiation of low-angle normal faults, and even where closely overstepped by extensional tectonics, need not be directly or indirectly related to detachment geometry. Extension may thus be associated in interpreting low-angle normal faults of extensional tectonic basins such as those seen in the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range province. Although thrust fault reactivation has been shown to be the origin of a very low low-angle normal fault, our results indicate that it may not be a fundamental component of orogenic architecture. It is now widely perceived to be. We conclude that while in many instances thrust fault reactivation may be both a plausible and attractive hypothesis, it may never be assumed.

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8170 Structure of the Lithosphere
THE SHARPE RANGE DETACHMENT INTERPRETED AS A MAJOR EXTENSIONAL SHEAR ZONE
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Geological and geophysical constraints suggest that the Sharpe Range detachment of east-central Nevada is a major tectonic low-angle normal fault zone. This interpretation is consistent with all existing data, and alleviates problems that result if large displacement across the detachment is excluded (either at all, tectonics, 3, 239-263, 1983). We have constructed cross sections that suggest approximately 60 km of normal displacement on the detachment. The kinematics of this interpretation over models that exclude large displacement are that (1) it provides for northern consistency with Keweenaw-Graben extensional tectonics, (2) predicts reasonable crustal thicknesses before and after extension without involving unexplained mantle-derived features, and (3) explains contrasting metamorphism and structural styles of hanging wall and footwall without requiring an extreme post-extensional gradient during regional metamorphism and extensional strain.

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8190 General (Colorado Plateau Boundary)

A model for the tectonic development of the southeastern Colorado Plateau
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Recent data show that the contemporary tectonic boundary of the southeastern Colorado Plateau is coincident with the segment of the Jemez lineament between the White Mountains in north-central Arizona and the Jemez Mountains in north-central New Mexico. The lineament is an east-west-trending, NW-trending, right-lateral strike-slip fault, and is approximately 100 km long. It is characterized by a prominent positive topographic gradient, and is associated with a low-angle normal fault, and both normal and strike-slip faulting. The Jemez lineament is a major tectonic boundary, and is associated with a prominent positive topographic gradient, and is associated with a low-angle normal fault, and both normal and strike-slip faulting. The Jemez lineament is a major tectonic boundary, and is associated with a prominent positive topographic gradient, and is associated with a low-angle normal fault, and both normal and strike-slip faulting.

lineament so that with the onset of 50-Ma extension in the southern Basin and Range province, about 30 Ma ago, the area deformed in response to the extension then to the access field of the Plateau interior. The replacement of large NW-trending dikes into the area between 27 and 29 Ma ago was directly related to this extensional event. During the late Miocene the direction of spreading changed to a W and NW orientation allowing the Colorado Plateau to begin a small clockwise rotation. Oblique left-slip and extension occurred across the Jemez lineament. Major volcanism on the lineament was initiated by the change in spreading direction. Volcanic activity started at the western plate line, where the lineament is intersected by the Rio Grande Rift (Jemez Mountains) and Capitan lineament (Chus Mountains). With increasing extension across the lineament between 7 to 4 Ma ago the NW-trending faults opened, and by the earliest Pliocene (4-3 Ma ago) volcanism was occurring along the entire southeastern tectonic boundary (Jemez lineament) of the Colorado Plateau.

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8199 General Tectonophysics

THE YAGUT RIDGE ANTIFORM AND DETACHMENT FAULT: MID-CENOZOIC EXTENSIONAL TECTONICS WEST OF THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT

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The Yagut Ridge antiform and detachment fault in southern Orange County, California, exemplifies the nature of detached extension in south central California. The detachment fault dips 10°-40° to the north and northeast, and separates a lower core of Miocene Late Cretaceous and Neogene rocks from an unconformable, metamorphosed magmatic arc of probable Eocene to Late Oligocene age. Foliation in the lower plate generally conforms to the strike and dip of the overlying detachment fault, and becomes more distinct away from the fault. The magmatic arc is composed of coarse-grained, calcic, andesitic to basaltic rocks, and is overlain by a thin veneer of Miocene to Pliocene rocks. The detachment fault itself forms a thin veneer over a 10 m band of intensely sheared cataclasis. A chlorite-haematite zone occurs below the detachment, and is gradually graded into the country rock. A left-oblique-slip fault cuts some cuts through the detachment-related features and strikes NW-SE, parallel to Yagut Ridge antiform. Four tectonic episodes are apparent at Yagut Ridge: (1) Late Cretaceous synkinematic mylonitization and metamorphism, forming a regional NW-trending foliation and NE-trending mineral lineation; (2) Mid-Cretaceous shallow, low temperature detachment faulting; (3) Late Miocene-early Pliocene, left-oblique-slip faulting; (4) Pliocene high-angle faulting and folding; (5) Pliocene high-angle faulting and folding, south central California.

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LATE MESOZOIC AND CENOZOIC TECTONIC HISTORY OF THE CAUTIN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Two late Mesozoic-Cenozoic tectonic episodes in central California are punctuated by at least five major tectonic events. The onset of these involves Late Cretaceous folding and thrusting of uppermost Tertiary and lowermost Tertiary rocks to the north along the rising eastern margin of the Peninsular Ranges Batholith. A second, distinct episode is superimposed upon the Late Cretaceous structural features, and involves low T and P, mid-Tertiary detachment faulting. This represents the westerly extension of the Cenozoic extensional tectonics in central California. The Late Cretaceous and detachment faults are further disrupted by both left-lateral and right-lateral faulting during the late Cenozoic. This faulting is accompanied by oblique-slip faulting, dip-slip faulting, and folding which comprises the Holocene tectonics. Many of the most recent tectonic features include a compressional strain in south central California (thrusting, detachment faults).

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